
The Open Society Policy Center Summary of Lobbying Activities

JULY 1–SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 (Q3)

The Open Society Policy Center supports transparency and is proud of the causes and groups it supports.

The Open Society Policy Center (OSPC) is registered under the Lobbying Disclosure Act (LDA) and regularly reports on its activities as required by the Act. However, very few OSPC staff members meet the legal threshold for reporting their lobbying. Consequently, OSPC has chosen to voluntarily post on a quarterly basis the “lobbying activities” as defined by the LDA of its Washington staff regardless of whether they meet the LDA’s reporting threshold. In other words, the lobbying activities listed below go well beyond the requirements of the LDA by including all the OSPC activities that would have been reported under the LDA if all of the OSPC Washington advocates were “registered lobbyists.”

In addition, OSPC reports on an annual basis all of its grants on IRS Form 990 as required by law. However, there is a substantial lag time before Form 990 information becomes available to the public. Accordingly, OSPC also voluntarily makes this information easily and publicly available below on a quarterly basis.

Domestic Policy

Health Issues (HCR)

Issues related to prescription drug pricing

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Immigration (IMM)

H.R. 2203, Homeland Security Improvement Act, pertaining to border oversight and accountability

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R. 2662, Asylum Seeker Protection Act, pertaining access to protection

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Refugee Protection Act, unnumbered, pertaining access to protection

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Legislation on Immigration, including deferred action for childhood arrivals, legal immigration, enforcement policies and temporary protected status

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

S. 1494, Secure and Protect Act of 2019

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Law Enforcement/Crime/Criminal Justice (LAW)

Legislation pertaining to data collection and training for law enforcement

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Legislation related to police accountability and grand jury

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Legislation pertaining to use of force by police officers

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Legislation related to “cooling off periods” for officers involved in police shootings or criminal misconduct

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Legislation related to COPs Reauthorization

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

H.R. 4359, PEACE Act of 2019

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R. 4408, Eric Garner Excessive Use of Force Prevention Act

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

Legislation pertaining to the death in custody and reporting

Entities Lobbied: House of Representatives

Budget/Appropriations (BUD)

Issues pertaining to immigration

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Issues pertaining to Puerto Rico disaster relief

Entity Lobbied: House, Senate

Foreign Policy

Foreign Relations (FOR)

H.R. 496, Bill to affirm that Americans have the right to participate in boycotts in pursuit of civil and human rights at home and abroad, as protected by the First Amendment

Entity Lobbied: House of Representatives

H.R. 7291, Reintroduction of the GLOBE Act, pertaining to promotion of global LGBTI rights and supporting strong U.S. leadership in human rights for LGBTI people around the world

Entities lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

U.S. foreign policy concerning human rights and governance issues in Zimbabwe and Sudan

Entities Lobbied: House of Representatives, Senate, State Department

Arms Export Control Act

Entity Lobbied: Senate

War Powers Act

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Issues related to denaturalization

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Health Issues (HCR)

S. 210/ H.R. 671, Global Health, Empowerment and Rights Act (HER Act) Entities lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

Budget/Appropriations (BUD)

S. 2583, State and Foreign Operations Appropriations, FY 2020

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Rescission of appropriated spending

Entity Lobbied: Senate

Defense (DEF)

S. 2474, Senate Department of Defense Appropriations Act, FY 2020

Entities Lobbied: Senate, Department of Defense

H.R. 2500/ S. 1790, National Defense Authorization Act, FY 2020

Entities Lobbied: Senate, House of Representatives

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Open Society Policy Center Grants**Period: July 1–September 30, 2019 (Q3)**

Grantee Name	Purpose	Amount	Period
Aegis America Inc.	to support policy advocacy on ending mass atrocities	\$25,000	1 year
Alliance for Youth Action Fund	to support capacity-building for state-based policy advocacy	\$625,000	2 years
American Immigration Council	to support policy advocacy on immigration	\$250,000	18 months
American Jewish World Service	to support policy advocacy on sexual health and rights	\$140,000	2 years
Americans for Financial Reform	to support policy advocacy on manufactured housing and private equity	\$75,000	2 years
Arms Control Association	to support policy advocacy against U.S. military intervention	\$50,000	1 year
Care in Action	to provide organizational support	\$1,700,000	28 months
Center for American Progress Action Fund	to support policy advocacy on disaster relief for Puerto Rico	\$50,000	3 years
Center for Law and Social Policy	to support policy advocacy on immigration.	\$250,000	18 months
Center for Popular Democracy Action	to support policy advocacy in Puerto Rico	\$250,000	2 years
Center for Popular Democracy Action	to support Local Progress Action, a project of the grantee	\$70,000	2 years

Collective Future	to provide organizational support	\$350,000	2 years
Color of Change	to provide organizational support	\$450,000	18 months
Common Defense Civic Engagement	to provide organizational support	\$210,000	1 year
Community Change Action	to support policy advocacy on government accountability	\$250,000	1 year
Community Change Action	to provide organizational support	\$1,000,000	2 years
Community Initiatives/Council for Global Equality	to support foreign policy advocacy	\$75,000	1 year
Congressional Black Caucus Institute	to support advocacy on connecting the African American community to the UN	\$85,000	6 months
Engage Action	to provide organizational support	\$1,000,000	2 years
Faith in Action Fund	to provide organizational support	\$800,000	2 years
Faith in Minnesota	to support policy advocacy on economic security	\$650,000	18 months
Health Global Access Project Inc.	to support policy advocacy on global pandemics	\$60,000	11 months
Indivisible Project	to provide organizational support	\$1,750,000	2 years
Institute for Asian Democracy	to support policy advocacy on Burma-related legislation	\$25,000	1 year
IPAS	to support policy advocacy on repealing the Helms Amendment	\$50,000	11.2 months

Jolt Action	to support youth-led policy advocacy in Texas	\$100,000	1 year
MHAction Votes	to support policy advocacy on affordable housing	\$150,000	2 years
Migration Policy Institute	to support policy advocacy on immigration	\$350,000	1 year
MomsRising Together	to support policy advocacy on immigration	\$350,000	18 months
MoveOn.org Civic Action	to support policy advocacy on government accountability	\$150,000	6 months
NEO Philanthropy Action Fund, Inc./Four Freedoms Action Fund	to support policy advocacy on immigration	\$300,000	1 year
New Georgia Project Action Fund	to provide organizational support	\$850,000	2 years
New Security Action	to provide organizational support	\$250,000	1 year
NILC Immigrant Justice Fund	to support policy advocacy on the NO BAN Act	\$20,000	2 months
Organize Florida	SWAG – to support policy advocacy in Florida	\$850,000	10.9 months
Oxfam America, Inc.	to support policy advocacy on European Development Finance for Health	\$75,000	17 months
Oxfam-America Action Fund	to support foreign policy advocacy	\$425,000	8 months
People's Action	to provide organizational support	\$350,000	2 years

People's Action/Down Home North Carolina	to support Down Home North Carolina, a project of the Grantee, in its policy advocacy in North Carolina	\$200,000	1 year
Rights and Democracy Project	to support policy advocacy on affordable housing and on the opioid crisis	\$175,000	18 months
Sex Workers Outreach Project	to support policy advocacy on sex work reform	\$60,000	1 year
Sierra Club	to support environmental policy advocacy	\$250,000	1 year
Sister District Action Network	to support the grantee's work on civic engagement	\$250,000	3 years
Sixteen Thirty Fund/Demand Progress Action	to support policy advocacy on human rights and national security issues	\$150,000	1 year
Sixteen Thirty Fund/Lower Drug Prices Now	to support policy advocacy on drug pricing	\$3,750,000	30 months
Texas Organizing Project	to provide organizational support	\$700,000	2 years
Tides Advocacy/ Electoral Justice Project	to provide organizational support	\$1,000,000	2 years
Truman National Security Project	to support foreign policy advocacy	\$400,000	2 years
Virginia New Majority	to provide organizational support	\$1,000,000	2 years